

MAY 2023



CONTACT

DISTRICT 202D
NEWSLETTER



...just do it!



*When Lions Come Together,
Great Things Happen!*

We have just come back from attending our Multiple District Convention in Invercargill. What a great weekend. Entertaining speakers, plenty of new information and a great opportunity to catch up with like-minded Lions mixed with a good dose of fun! We can all be very proud of our own Council Chair Megan for leading a memorable convention as well as for the inspirational work she has done throughout the year.

Thanks to those of you who travelled south to enjoy the convention with us. It was good to see a good turnout from D. You may have now heard that I have been elected to follow Megan as Council Chair next year. It is a great honour and I know I have big shoes to fill. There are many opportunities in Lions to do things that you never thought possible, so have a think about how becoming our next District Governor might open doors for you.

One of my first duties was to introduce next year's District Governors at convention. It was great to see Tobi representing our district and full of ideas to take us forward. He is part of an enthusiastic group who are all fired up and ready to go.

This month we were asked to help with the clean up of an apple orchard in Hastings. Thanks to the members from Hunterville, Feilding Host and Colyton that answered the call. We joined with a group of local Lions to pull out trees, clean up broken buildings and fences, pull bins out of trees and bury dead sheep. Lions were soon joined by other volunteers (including a father and son from Auckland) who had heard about the project on Facebook. The work was satisfying but the smile on the faces of the couple who owned the orchard at the end of the day was the real prize. This is what being a Lion is all about! Another clean-up day is planned this Sunday the 7th if you want to come.

I hope by now you all have your teams together for next year. I know some clubs are struggling so how about taking the opportunity of introducing younger members into your boards. They have joined to serve so give them a chance to show what they can do with your support. Let them surprise you!

Club officer training is on the 20th and 27th of May (see later for details). The sessions will be held during the day to allow more time. Tobi has arranged a new format aimed at sharing information "around the table". Group leaders will focus on encouraging discussion and make sure we all learn off each other. We hope that new officers, experienced campaigners and even new Lions all turn up to contribute. Please make the effort to get there.

Just Do It! Let's make another great year! See you there!

Yours in Lions
Stephen Barr
District Governor 2022

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A huge congratulation to DG Steve for the appointment as Council Chair and a massive thank you to Council Chair Megan for a great job so far. It is great to have two Council Chairs in a row from our District, we have some top notch Lions who are prepared to lead the team. Having said that, we are still looking for leaders to lead our District. The opportunities are enormous. If you think you might be interested but have questions, contact us. Until now, I can only say it has been the most rewarding experience ever. The training and mentorship that is available is phenomenal. Well worth every minute.

Thanks for the contributions for the Contact. I might not get as much in this month as I am sitting here with Covid trying to get this Edition out. Sorry for any mistakes, brain fog is hard to work with.

Until next time, keep up the good work

Tobi
Editor and VDG 202D

Update your Lion Account information

Make sure your Lion Account information is correct and up to date in MyLCI or your regional reporting system. Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

If you're a club president, secretary or administrator, updating member information is simple:

- Log in to the current member portal with your Lion Account credentials
- Navigate to MyLCI
- Select "My Lions Club"
- Select "Members"
- Click on the member whose information you need to update.
- Select "Edit Member" to enter in their revised email address and other updated information.



Brian Sheehan
International President

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with
International President,
Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

Leos and young Lions are so much more than just young members of the Lion family. Their hard work and innovation are carrying our service into the future. So be sure to get them involved and give them the opportunities to learn, lead and grow so we can work together to find tomorrow's solutions today.

We're also looking to the future with the new Lions International brand. The Lions International brand gives us a new way to talk to the world about the service and impact of our association and foundation, together. And together, with Lions around the world, we are focused on serving a world in need and strengthening Lions today, and for generations to come.

And thanks to you, the future of service is bright.

Make a great day,
Brian Sheehan
International President

...just do it!



Douglas X. Alexander

LCIF Chairperson

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From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings, Lions and Leos!

The generosity of Lions and Leos, through individual and club support, makes it possible for LCIF to magnify hope around the world – especially in times of crisis. Recently, a tornado hit southeastern sections of the USA, leveling communities in Mississippi. Lions responded immediately. As humanitarians, our organization grieves for those impacted by natural disasters like this one, but we pair our grief with action. We funded a US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe grant and a \$10,000 Emergency grant to empower Lions in District 30-M, Mississippi to help their communities recover. In our first story below, you will see how Lions are still responding to earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. Additionally, Lions have continued to serve the needs of Ukrainian refugees one year after the war began. When disasters strike, Lions are there, serving for as long as necessary. I encourage everyone to consider donating to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund to ensure Lions can always be there to support those impacted by disasters. Thank you to those who have already donated to the foundation. As humanitarian needs continue to increase around the world, your donations to LCIF help make so much of our service possible.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

With LCIF Support, Lions Always Answer

LCIF is the only foundation to empower the compassionate service of Lions across the globe. With 100% of donations benefiting grants and programs, your continued support of LCIF magnifies hope for a world in need.

[MAKE A DONATION](#)

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Zone 2 Diabetes Fun Day In the Esplanade

THANK YOU LIONS CLUBS - KAIRANGA LIONS - FITZHERBERT LIONS - CLEARVIEW LIONS - MIDDLE DISTRICTS LIONS - ROSE CITY PAPAIOEA LIONS AND HEARTLAND

Big thank you to all our wonderful clubs for taking part in our Zone 2 Diabetes Fun Day for the children from our PN Diabetes Trust.

It turned out to be a beautiful day. We have had some really nice feedback from the families and they appreciated what we did for them. The children certainly enjoyed the games. It was a really nice thing to do. We especially enjoyed connecting again with our Lions members across the Zone as well.

Please pass onto your clubs that it is an easy thing to organize for the future where we could invite the “public” to take part in similar activities. Extending out to a “wider audience” will definitely foster our LIONS image out into our community.

“Food for thought for the future”.

Thank you once again. Yours in Lions - Adrienne (PN Heartland Lions) President



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Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**



To all our Lions Clubs in District 202D,

A message from Tyrel Floyd who is our Regional Development Specialist-ISAME & ANZI//Development.

This message was sent to all District Coordinators, District Governors, Multiple District coordinators and Area Leaders.

“Let me first congratulate everyone for achieving Constitutional Area V11’s fundraising goal and the hard work you have provided to achieve that goal! LCIF truly cannot function without its generous supporters like you. Not only are you the first constitutional area to achieve your goal, but you are also setting the standard for the rest of the world. As Past IP Barry Palmer mentioned, Constitutional Area V11 has committed to a stretch goal now of US\$1.1 million dollars by 30 June 2023. This new amount is a CA-level goal, and all recognition will continue to be determined by the original PMA of \$21.21 totalling \$912,518 for CA V11”.

This is great news and again I thank every club and individual who has contributed a financial donation in this Lions year 2022-2023.

Due to this success, there has been a resurgence in donations to LCIF due to the recent disasters experienced in Districts 202K (Auckland/Northland) and District 202M (Gisborne and Hawkes Bay) regions.

Yet some of your donations have by-passed LCIF and have gone straight into these areas affected, to support Flood/Disaster Recovery. If you are wanting to directly send your donations through LCIF, then every donation made through LCIF goes toward Melvin Jones Fellowship credits for loyally devoted, well deserving members of your club. If you are interested in your clubs position about MJF credits, then contact me and I will clarify your standing.

As you are aware, Lions Club International will be supporting the New Zealand disaster relief in the longer term recovery. Districts or individual clubs are certainly encouraged to re-apply to the LCIF Disaster relief fund after each stage of recovery, once the rounds of money has been spent. There will be continual support to rebuild.

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Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**



LCIF are currently producing new brochures for the foundation which aim to be available in the next fiscal year. Jeff Arnett will keep us posted on this. Remember that our website is the best resource to share with Lions.

www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit

What can LCIF do for your club or District?

What does your community need?

Is there a special project that interests your club, or District?

How can your community benefit from your project?

I am encouraging you all to think about how your club can make a difference. Please contact me for further discussion. I will be very keen to help you.

Yours in Lions -Adrienne Christensen - 202D LCIF District co-ordinator

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We need

YOU!



Our District needs YOU!

Currently our District 202D is without 2nd and 1st Vice District Governor for the coming Lions Year. We are aware of the time commitment that comes with these roles. Therefore we have come up with a plan to make this more manageable.

How can we help you?

- Help with Club Visits
- Financial Assistance (if needed)
- Fantastic Training
- Effective mentoring

What's in it for you?

- Leadership skills
- Join a positive team
- Make a real difference to your communities
- Opportunity to grow yourself

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GET READY

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Get ready for the



Lion Portal

In a few months, we'll be combining MyLion, MyLCI and Insights, along with some additional tools and functionality, into a unified mobile-friendly experience called the Lion Portal.

Help ensure a smooth transition. Make sure your **Lion Account information** is correct in MyLCI or your regional reporting system and has a **unique, unshared email address**.

Learn more here: lionsclubs.org/portal-updates.



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Lions NZ Skin Cancer Screening Trust

Skin cancers are the most common cancers diagnosed in New Zealand and melanoma of the skin is the most serious of the three types of skin cancers.

The three most common types of skin cancer are:

- **BCC - basal cell cancer**

(The most common, usually pink and may bleed or itch / the growth is confined locally, potentially more dangerous on the face).

- **SCC - squamous cell cancer**

(More serious, as they can spread to the lymph glands / often arises from sunspots / are usually scaly and may be tender).

- **Melanoma**

(The most serious, as they can spread via the blood stream throughout the body / can arise anywhere on the body, including areas that have never seen the sun / can be raised or flat, fast or slow growing and rarely, can be pink in colour).

You should regularly check your skin, including skin not normally exposed to the sun, so that you will be aware of any changes.

The most effective way to increase survival from skin cancer is early detection and adequate treatment. Early detection saves lives!

The Lions Skin Cancer Screening Trust is well on it's way to getting the screening bus up and running. Our Lions Clubs Skin Cancer Screening service is modelled on the Australian Lions Clubs Cancer Institute which has been operating for 30 years. We are not starting something untried and tested. Since our Council of Governors approving this as a National project in 2021 a lot of work has been undertaken by the trustees who represent each District in NZ. A business plan has been developed so we can show outside organisations that this project has been thoroughly worked through. A Trust with Charity Services has been established. All this has taken time but we are now at the next stage of sourcing the vehicle and getting it fitted out, fit for purpose.

Your club may be in a position to fund a specific part of the vehicle or make a general donation towards the cost of purchase.

As your district trustee I am available to talk to clubs about this worthwhile project.

It's a project with potential to save lives!

Lions clubs working together on a National Project – a Lions Skin Cancer Screening vehicle that is available and accessible by all New Zealanders.

Megan England
202D Trustee, Lions Skin Cancer Screening Trust

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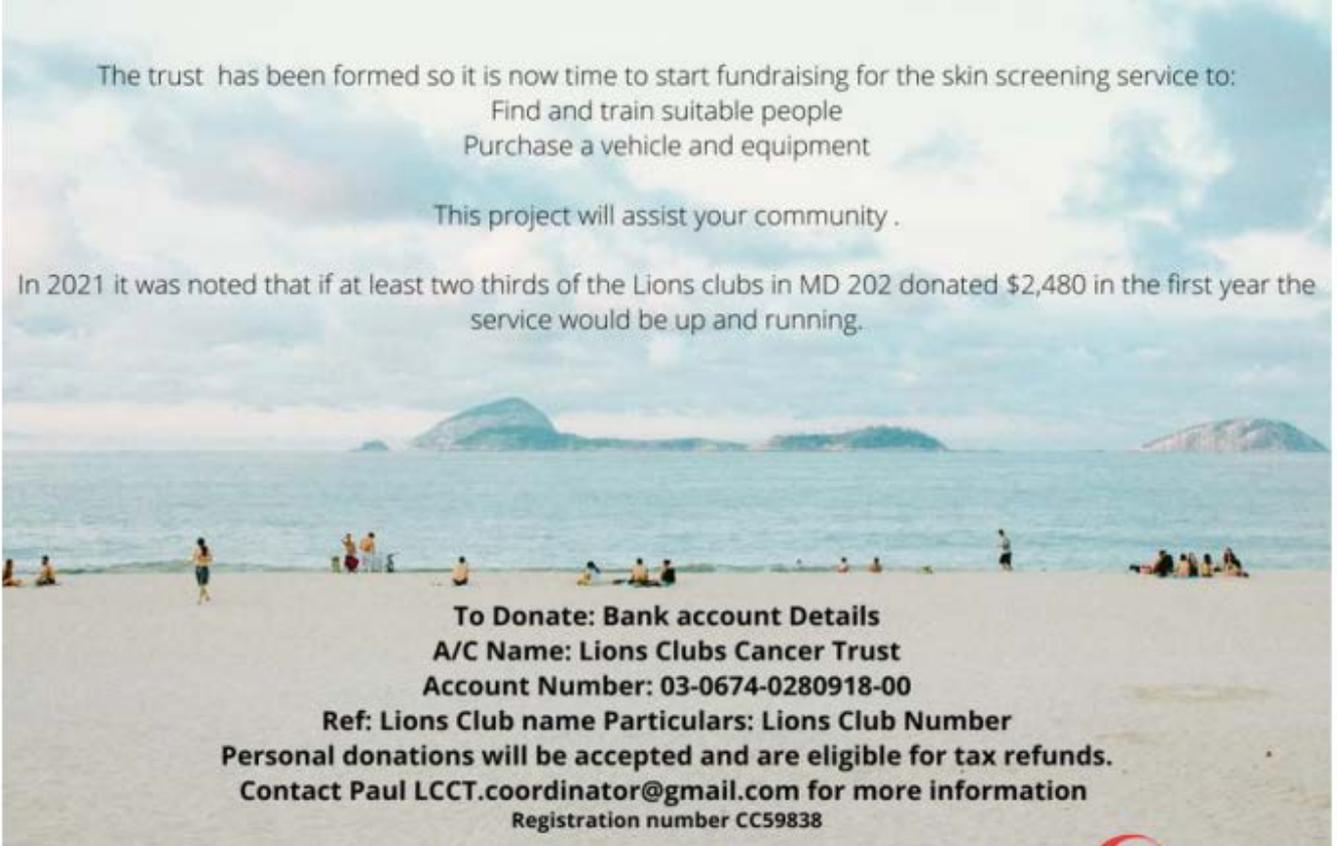
Lions Clubs Cancer Trust Board



The trust has been formed so it is now time to start fundraising for the skin screening service to:
Find and train suitable people
Purchase a vehicle and equipment

This project will assist your community .

In 2021 it was noted that if at least two thirds of the Lions clubs in MD 202 donated \$2,480 in the first year the service would be up and running.



To Donate: Bank account Details
A/C Name: Lions Clubs Cancer Trust
Account Number: 03-0674-0280918-00
Ref: Lions Club name Particulars: Lions Club Number
Personal donations will be accepted and are eligible for tax refunds.
Contact Paul LCCT.coordinator@gmail.com for more information
Registration number CC59838

Save the Date

ALL DAY FUNCTION
Start at 10:00am



CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING PROGRAM

LEADERSHIP

- PRESIDENTS
- VP'S
- IP PRESIDENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- SECRETARY
- ADMINISTRATOR

FINANCE

- TREASURER
- TRUST

MARCOM

- NEWSLETTER
- BULLETIN
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- WEBSITE
- PUBLICITY

PEOPLE

- MEMBERSHIP
- ALMONER
- SOCIAL
- TAIL TWISTER
- LION TAMER

SERVICES

- COMM. SERVICE
- PROJECTS
- YOUTH

20th May - Feilding Oroua Hall

Behind the St Johns Church car Church and Camden streets or off West street Feilding

27th May - Ngaere School

Next to SH3 - 4355 Mountain Road, Ngaere, Eltham

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NEW FORMAT

A must for all club officers

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BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Payments to Lions Clubs District 202D and Lions Clubs International (LCI)

Lions Club International District 202D

Please pay your club dues into the Administration Account

PARTICULARS: **Club Name** CODE: **Invoice Number** REFERENCE: **Dues**

Administration:	03-0791-0232608-000
Trust Account:	03-0791-0232608-001
Diabetes Account:	03-0791-0232608-002
Youth Account:	03-0791-0232608-005
My Health Check:	03-0791-0232608-008



Lions Clubs International Dues 03-0502-0081103-000

Payment of International Dues Westpac, International Assoc of Lions

PARTICULARS: **Club Name** CODE: **Club Number** REFERENCE: **Dues**

LCIF Donations 03-0502-0081103-000

Westpac, International Assoc of Lions

PARTICULARS: **Member Name** CODE: **Member Number** REFERENCE: **DR (for disaster relief) or RD (Ukraine) or ES (empowering service)**

*If your donation is to be registered against your personal name change the Code to your membership number rather than the club number as below. **Please note:** the MD office requires email notification of any deposits to the LCIF bank account (with details of the purpose) to assist us with our reconciliation of the account*

Melvin Jones Fellowships and Life Memberships

03-0502-0081103-000

Payment of MJF or Life Membership Applications Westpac, International Assoc of Lions

PARTICULARS: **Club Name** CODE: **Recipients Membership Number** REFERENCE: **MJF MBR or LIFE MBR**

NZ Club Supplies

New Zealand Lions MD202 03-0558-0252696-00

Payment of Purchases of Club Supplies Westpac, International Assoc of Lions

PARTICULARS: **Club Name** CODE: **Club Number** REFERENCE: **Invoice Number**

LMLCCT 02-0528-0038410-000

LMLCCT form can be downloaded from www.lionsclubs.org.nz

Child Cancer Foundation CCF 12-3191-0041879-01

Please feel free to contact me if you have any problems
District 202D Treasurer: Anne Russell 202d.treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz



LIONS NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP 2023 FOXTON

Hosted by 202D.



Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th October



From top, left to right: Main St Foxton, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, De Molen Windmill, Court House Museum

Cost: \$500.00

(Applicants to be endorsed by Local Lions Clubs)
Limited to 40

Youth aged 12-16 years as of 1st September 23.

Applications open 1st May closes 19th August 2023

Held at the Foxton Bible Camp

17 Te Awa Street

Foxton Beach 4815

Stephanie Jordan.

022 054 0515

Email: md202.interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz

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FOXTON CAMP PROGRAMME:

This following is a sample program. This is the first camp in Foxton, so program may be altered to suit time of the year.

Sunday 1st October:	Day: Arrival/Registration/Orientation Night: Official Welcome Dinner
Monday 2nd October:	Day: Foxton: Windmill/Flax Museum/ Wildlife base/beach Night: Guest Speaker
Tuesday 3rd October:	Day: PN: Wildbase Recovery/Mini Golf/Rugby Museum/Leo's activity Night: Games night
Wednesday 4th October:	Day: Ruapehu: Carrot Park/Tangiwai/ Army Museum Night: Games night
Thursday 5th October:	Day: Whanganui: Kowhai Park/ Marton Night: Talent Show
Friday 6th October:	Day: Sanson/Feilding: Blokarts/Mini Golf/ Night: Celebration.

Whaia e Kie Ki te iti Kahurangi,
ki te tuohu koe, me maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly:
if you bow your head,
let it be to a lofty mountain.

...just do it!

CAMP FOXTON INFORMATION:

Foxton (Te Awahou) is a town in the Manawatu-Whanganui region of New Zealand – on the lower west coast of the North Island, in the Horowhenua district, 30km southwest of Palmerston North and just north of Levin. The town is located close to the banks of the Manawatu River, it is situated on State Highway 1, roughly in the middle of Tongariro National Park and Wellington.

Foxton has a population of 3,360 as of June 2022. Foxton has preserved its heritage both Maori and Pakeha – through its parks, heritage buildings and four museums. The Manawatu River Loop and estuary creates an environment that features walkways and Ramsar wetlands with 93 species of birds and is home to the Foxton Fizz drinks.

Foxton Bible Camp was established in 1961 primarily to facilitate an annual Family Camp. Since then, the camp has been continually modernised and expanded. It operates as a popular location for conferences, family camps and youth camps. It is a particularly safe site for families and has amenities suitable for all ages, including dormitories for young people and a central lounge and kitchen. The ocean beach is less than a half hour walk (3 km) from Camp and the river estuary only minutes away. The Manawatu River Estuary draws visitors keen to see the 2000 birds and up to 58 species known to flock there over the northern winter and is a stopover for many rare and migratory birds. It is also one of the best places to watch the unique Wrybill and the magnificent Royal Spoonbill.

PEACE POSTER
CONTEST 2023/24

'DARE TO DREAM'

Entry eligibility 11 – 13 years
As of 15th November 2023



2022/23 District Winner - Ella Ogden
Hawera Intermediate/Normanby & Districts

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire – it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So, this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dreams of a peaceful world into reality.

Clubs are asked to order a Peace Poster Kit from Rhonda at our New Zealand Head Office. Please ensure that every club entering has a kit and the form inside is filled in correctly and attached to the back of the Clubs winning poster before sending in to be judged. 1 entry from each School or Club to be forwarded to District Youth Chairs for Judging. See Youth Manual for rules.

Closing Date is 20th October 2023. Judging will take place on Wednesday 1st November. Entries will be displayed at the Junior Speechmakers Contest on Sunday 5th November and the top 3 winners announced.

Youth North Chair
Stephanie Jordan
46 Fairfield Road
Hawera 4610
022 054 0515

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LIONS YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARDS



This award recognises youth aged from 12 years old for their commitment to community service over a ten-month period from February 1st to November 30th.

There are two awards available:
50 hours of community service
100 hours of community service

Types of service could be:

Community groups, religious agencies, or institutions
Service through a school-based group or courses
Individual efforts to help others. E.g., Coaching or refereeing of sports
Scouting groups
St John

Why not invite your children/ grandchildren along to help in your club's service activities and get them involved with Lions now?

All you must do is supply applicants with a Service Tracking record form. These are available from your Youth Chairman so that progress can be monitored.

The forms must be collected before the closing date of **November 30th** of each year and returned to your District Youth Chairman. The certificate will arrive directly to your club. You will need to organise a time to present the certificate to your applicant, perhaps at a club meeting would be suitable.

The District Youth Chairperson would like to attend a presentation where possible.

This can be a steppingstone to further youth activities both within your club and for the youth involved.



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**DISTRICT 202D
YOUNG SPEECHMAKERS CONTEST
2023**

Sunday 28th May

Cullinane College
15 Peat Street
Whanganui

Morning tea 10.30am

Speeches start 11am



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The local bar was so sure its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000 bet.

The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money. Many people had tried over time, including the professional wrestlers and bodybuilders, but nobody could do it.

One day a scrawny little man came in, wearing a tie and a pair of pants hiked up past his belly button.

He said in a squeaky annoying voice, "I'd like to try the bet."

Even the hillbilly chicks burst into laughter.

After the laughter had died down, the bartender said, "Ok," grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. He then handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man.

But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass.

As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000, and asked the little man, "What do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, weight lifter, or what?"

The man replied, "I work for the IRD."



Welcome to the family of



Lions Clubs International

FEILDING (023248) - LIONS CLUB

BRUCE JOHNSTONE (6111275)

601 CEMETERY ROAD, PALMERSTON NORTH

Joined: 04/03/2023

Sponsor: ROBERT MARSDEN (2897405)

HEATHER KAURI (6106664)

55 HIGHFIELD ROAD, FEILDING 4702

Joined: 03/20/2023

Sponsor: ROBERT MARSDEN (2897405)

FEILDING MANCHESTER (034474) - LIONS CLUB

WAYNE COBHAM (6083208)

8 URSULA DRIVE, FEILDING 4702

Joined: 02/22/2023

Sponsor: WAYNE ELLERY (3717196)

GRAHAM ZACHAN (6083202)

53C PORT STREET, FEILDING 4702

Joined: 02/22/2023

Sponsor: JOHN DOUGHERTY (796840)

MARTON (023259) - LIONS CLUB

KELLY WIDDOWSON (6116097)

57 HIGH STREET, MARTON 4710

Joined: 04/26/2023

PALMERSTON NORTH HEARTLAND (053495) - LIONS CLUB

MERETE HIPPE MRS (6106021)

2 RANGITANE STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH 4414

Joined: 04/11/2023

Sponsor: ADRIENNE CHRISTENSEN (4032471)

PATEA (023270) - LIONS CLUB

GLENYS FINNEGAN (6109472)

27 MIDDLESEX STREET, PATEA 4520

Joined: 04/12/2023

Sponsor: KAY WALLACE (3462086)

MOIRA KOBERSTEIN (6109471)

27 MIDDLESEX STREET, PATEA 4520

Joined: 04/12/2023

Sponsor: KAY WALLACE (3462086)

STRATFORD (023276) - LIONS CLUB

MARGARET ISLA O'KANE (2564639)

73A SWANSEA ROAD, STRATFORD

TARANAKI 4332

Joined: 01/25/2023

TOKO & DISTRICTS L C (034690) - LIONS CLUB

BARRY DICK (6108416)

7/59 BRECON ROAD

STRATFORD 4332

Joined: 03/20/2023

Sponsor: REX HODGETT (1044718)

Hey!
WELCOME
We're very
GLAD
you're here!

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PAPAIOEA ROSE CITY LIONS CLUB

Relay for Life

Up early, bread buttered and all fillings put in place. Packed and off we went to do our bit for this special occasion. Thank you and well done to all that helped.



Left – Eileen and Barb filling the sandwiches
Above – Liz cutting and wrapping sandwiches
while Bruce packs them into their boxes.



Left to Right – Sharon ready to help with sandwich making. Claire, Barb, Abbey, Nicky and Robin ready to hand out the boxed lunches at the track.

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ANZAC PARADE PALMERSTON NORTH



...just do it!



...just do it!



...just do it!



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Normanby & Districts Lion Club



President Hugh with Lynette Gopperth and Linnie Kahui of the South Taranaki Alzheimers Group. The Normanby Club raised over \$2200 from the proceeds of the Golf Tournament to go towards a shade screen for the group's Nolantown venue.



Kairanga Leos



Carol Kelly

Admin · 20 March at 16:08 · 🌐

Photos from yesterday. For April we are back, repairing the boardwalk. Might fit a game of laser tag in afterwards 😊 23rd April - save the date!



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Inglewood Lions Fright Night



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HEARTLAND LIONS
PALMERSTON NORTH

Bra Artz

ON DISPLAY

WOMENS LIFESTYLE EXPO
FLY PALMY ARENA, PASCAL ST
13 - 14 MAY 2023

**ENTER YOUR
DESIGN NOW**

REGISTER BY EMAILING

..

krtrem147@gmail.com
Rachael Trembath

or

bltempleton@xtra.co.nz
Lynette Templeton



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Happy Birthday



ONE OF A KIND

Like a good whisky he matures and gets even better with age. That's our valued club member Graham McElroy. Turning 100 years old on the 15th May not only is he one of the oldest Lions club members in NZ but as he joined Lions in Kaponga in 1974 he is one of the longest serving Lions. What a record to be proud of. After leaving Kaponga in 2009 with wife Doreen to live in NP he joined Pakeke Lions and until recently was still partaking and attending meetings.

ONE OF A KIND

Graham fondly remembers his early days in Kaponga 2 years after that club chartered. With a wry smile he remembers the Bavarian Beer festival, the Patsy Rigger and Susanne Prentice shows that the Kaponga Lions hosted. (Under today's PC rules it wouldn't have been allowed.)

Graham also recalls pulling down the old Newton Kings building in Kaponga, painting a residents house, the annual wood chop, and the development of Thoumine Park in the town are among many other memorable moments.

One of the social highlights was the annual euchre cards nights held at Graham and Doreen's right up until they shifted north – well attended and chaotic as poor Doreen tried to organise the winners to go one way and losers the other! We were slow learners!

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New Plymouth Lake Lions Club

Working at the **Relay for Life** In Inglewood.
Serving our Community.



Some of the Lions who did a shift. Bruce and Eileen Foy, Justin Jones and Elsie Morgan, and Carolyn and Greg Nicholas.



Milo drinks were very popular.



...just do it!

Some great news.....the Defibrillator is 'in position' !! A great example of clubs in our zone working together to meet a need in the community! Thank you !!

City Lions Clubs support Arena Defibrillator

This week six local Palmerston North Lions Clubs 'working in partnership' with Basketball Manawatū and the city council have installed a defibrillator that is available for all in Central Energy Trust Arenas 3 and 4 as well as the grounds behind those buildings.

In August 2022, a local Lions Club received a request for support from the General Manager of Basketball Manawatū, Mike Ryan. There had been an incident at Arena 4 where a person had gone into cardiac arrest after being hit in the throat by a basketball. At that time the nearest defibrillator was locked away under the Arena main grandstand. Luckily there was an Advanced Paramedic nearby who was able to resuscitate the patient before the defibrillator could be accessed. Mr Ryan asked if a local Lions Club could help by purchasing an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for Arena 4.

The Club sought support from other Lions Clubs in the area and all six clubs in the Palmerston North city area agreed to share the cost of an AED with the city Council coming to the party and purchasing a box so the device could be securely mounted immediately outside the entrance to Arena 4. This would make the AED available to anyone who needed it at any time – even when Arena 4 was locked.



Image: (l to r) Basketball Manawatū GM Mike Ryan; Palmy Venues Facilities Manager Charles Foulds; Project Coordinator Phil Theobald and Lions Zone 2 Chair Graham Robinson with the defibrillator at Arena 4.

One morning at a doctor's office a patient arrives complaining of serious back-pain. The doctor examines him and asks him, "OK, what happened to your back?"

The patient replies, "You know that I work for a local night club right? This morning I got home to my apartment early and heard a noise in my bedroom. On entering I knew someone had been in the room with my wife but the balcony door was open. I rushed out the balcony door and didn't find anyone. But as I looked down from the balcony I saw a man running out and he was dressing himself. I grabbed the fridge and threw it at him, That's how I strained my back"

The 2nd patient arrives looking as if he has been in a car wreck. The doctor said, "My previous patient looked bad, but you look terrible. What the hell happened to you?"

He replied, "You know I have been unemployed for a while now. Today was the first day at my new job. I forgot to set my alarm and was running late. I was running out of the building, getting dressed at the same time, and you won't believe it but I was hit by a fridge."

The 3rd patient arrives, he looks even worse than the other two Patients do.. The doctor is shocked. Again he asks, "What the heck happened to you?"

"Well, I was sitting in a fridge & someone threw it from the 3rd floor..."

Two Ladies Talking In Heaven

1st woman: Hi, Wanda!

2nd woman: Hi, Sylvia! How'd you die?

1st woman: I froze to death.

2nd woman: How horrible!

1st woman: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm and sleepy. Eventually I died a peaceful death. What about you?

2nd woman: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early so that I could catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

1st woman: So, what happened?

2nd woman: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched. Then I scurried down into the basement.

After that, I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere! Finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.

1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer. We'd both still be alive.



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HEARTLAND LIONS

We welcomed our newest member into Heartland. Welcome Merete Hipp. Thank you for choosing us. We know you will enjoy being a Lion and getting to know the wonderful ladies. We acknowledge the work you have happily volunteered working as a Nurse in the Glob which is a Farmers Health Check Caravan that travels the District and attends various community events. Thank you



We also welcomed our Zone chair Graham who attended our meeting who gave us feedback on how the year has been for his position as Zone Chairman. Graham said it was a privilege to be Zone Chairman



I really appreciated the Heartland Lions support at our Social Media workshop last weekend. Marie, Karensa and I attended for the full day. Abraham Godsell-Slack led the first part of the workshop. Marie and I certainly were challenged with our new learning which Karensa supported us through beautifully. Thank you Karensa. Wow it is really amazing to open your eyes up to new learnings.

We have the skills now to practice getting more familiar with "Social Media", learning how to market ourselves better. We learnt about "Meta-Business Suite" which can be used to link our Heartland Lions Facebook page into Instagram at the same time. This means that what information is put up can reach a far wider audience. It is a contact tool to reach "specific audiences" too, and to also receive feedback. We also learnt about "hashtag= #" which is a tool to connect audiences out in our community to our pages. To let them know of events coming up that can be scheduled onto the calendar.

Here are three examples:

#WeserveNZ – links all Lions around NZ

#Weserve - links all Lions around the world

#Palmy – links everyone living in Palmerston North

#DiabetesNZ – links people associated or interested in Diabetes

In the afternoon District Governor elect Tobi Hipp led a Content Creation workshop. This is an interactive platform that gives you an opportunity to create Banners, Brochures,

Posters, Business cards etc using an app called Adobe Express which is free. The morning tea and lunch was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to those of you who made the yummy treats.

(Christine W, Jay, Jeanette, Wendy, Ngaire T and Phil, Jo, Jensen, Marie, Karensa and Robyn)

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Kaponga Lions

WINNER



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A great night was had by all those Members that competed against Normanby & Districts Lions Club at the Hawera Croquet Club to come away with the “silverware” with a score of 50-39

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